374. [*Transferred to the 12th September, 1991*]

Enlargement of scope of single window loan scheme

375. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before the raising of investment limit under single window loan scheme, indirect scheme of assistance to financial institution was 100 per cent automatic refinance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that, recently, Government have enlarged the scope of single window loan scheme to cover project upto Rs. 20 lacs or more for financing of fixed assets and working capital;

(c) whether under single window loan scheme SSI promoters shall be eligible to avail assistance under national equity fund scheme irrespective of the population criteria/ceiling even through Bank; and

(d) whether Government have issued notification in the matter referred in parts (b) and (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has reported that loans upto Rs. 10 lakhs under the Single Window Scheme are eligible for refinance under Automatic Refinance Scheme (ARS). While State Financial Corporations (SFCs) and twin function Industrial Development Corporations (IDCs) are eligible for 100 per cent refinance under ARS, the banks are eligible for refinance upto 75 per cent of their loans.

(b) Yes, Sir. The ceiling on projects eligible for assistance under the Single Window Scheme of SIDBI has been raised from Rs. 10 lakhs to Rs. 20 lakhs and that on working capital component of loan from Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs.

(c) Equity type assistance under the National Equity Fund Scheme is available to new units with a ceiling of Rs. 10 lakhs of project cost in the small scale sector located in areas having a population of upto 5 lakhs and for the rehabilitation of sick units in the small scale sector located in areas having a population upto 15 lakhs. The National Equity Fund Scheme is now operated through all SFCs as well as Banks. Although the Single Window Scheme is currently operated through State level Corporations only, SSI promoters seeking term loan assistance from banks are also eligible to avail of assistance under the National Equity Fund in respect of projects involving capital outlays upto Rs. 10 lakhs.

(d) Government has incorporated the enhancement in the size of projects eligible for assistance under the Single Window Scheme and the National Equity Fund Scheme in the new policy measures for small, tiny and village enterprises announced on August 6, 1991.

Reimbursement of Gold brought back from Portugal

376. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of India in Goa has started reimbursing the gold brought back from B.N.U., Portugal;

(b) if so, what is the quantity of such gold and the number of depositors who have applied for refund of the same;

(c) if so, what fool proof measures are being taken to ensure that the gold is disbursed to its rightful owners; and

(d) what Government intends to do with unclaimed gold which may remain back due to non-availability of receipt or due to the death of claimants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) State Bank of India (SBI) have reported that they have started examining the claims.

(b) According to SBI, Banco National Ultramarino (BNU) have reurntd five thousand five hundred and fifty one (551) sealed packets of pledged valuable and thrity-three (33) packets lodged for safe custody. These packets reportedly contain gold ornaments weighing approximately 280 Kilograms. 1262 claim applications had been received till the 30th August, 1991.

(c) Claimants who are the original pledges/depositors and who produce receipts issued by BNU will be given the valuables on identification and against payments of dues. In the case of claimants who are heirs/successors to the deceased pledgees/depositors, deeds of succession as per laws prevailing in Goa will be obtained. However, if satisfactory evidence of heir-ship is available on the basis of local enquiries and affidavits, the sealed packets can also be delivered on obtaining indemnity with securities alongwih letters of disclaimer, wherever necessary.

(d) Cases of unclamed packets will be rinsidered in accordance with the provisions of the agreeement between the SBI and the BNU at the appropriate time.

N.C.E.R.T.'s Hindi publication of Supplementary Books

377. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supplementary books published by the NCERT in Hindi mostly remain in godowns;

(b) what is the number of copies out of the 10,000 copies published, which are sold;

(c) what is the percentage of books of which over eight thousand copies are sold during the first three years; and

(d) what measures are being to improve the delivery system for NCERT publications in Hindi which is resulting into continuing loss at present?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Madam. According to the information furnished by the NCERT, 41.35 per cent of the total number of titles of Hindi Supplementary Readers published by the NCERT during the last three years, have been distributed.

(c) 17.3 per cent.

(d) According to the NCERT no loss is being incurred on Hindi Supplementary Readers. Steps taken by the NCERT to improve their delivery system include:—

(i) Participation in book fairs.

(ii) Publicity.

(iii) Operation of a Sales Counter at the NCERT Campus in Delhi.

(iv) Opening of Regional publication and distribution centres at Calcutta, Madras and Ahmedabad to be functional shortly.

राष्ट्रीय वेद विद्या प्रतिष्ठान द्वारा प्रदान की गई छात्रवृत्तियां

378. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय वेद विद्या प्रतिष्ठान की पिछली बैठक में यह निर्णय लिया गया था कि सरकार भारतीय मूल के उन व्यक्तियों को छात्रवृत्तियां प्रदान करेगी जो विदेशों में रह रहे हों और जो भारत में रहकर संस्कृत का अध्ययन करना चाहते हों ; और